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Dear Harold:

With regard to our telephone conversation concerning [redacted] I have had an opportunity to discuss your proposed presentation of work with CDR Halman and also your interest in discussing stability and control (actual flight problems) of an airship with someone in the Navy. He has made several valuable suggestions so I will incorporate his ideas and my own in summary.

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First, it is my understanding that your presentation will be given by yourself and [redacted]. It will tentatively be scheduled for sometime in late March and you will plan to make a presentation on one day to a small group of us here in the form of a "shredding session" after which you will effect, if necessary, the ideas received and suggestions in a more formal type of presentation here at ONR the following day before representatives from the Bureau of Aeronautics, David Taylor Model Basin, NACA, etc.

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Although we didn't discuss the following it is my opinion that you should have your written progress report prepared in manuscript form before you come down here for the verbal presentation. As a result of comments and suggestions received at the two presentations here the written progress report should then be modified (if necessary) before it is actually reproduced as a written progress report. In this manner minor pitfalls might be avoided with regard to controversial issues, etc. In sending out our invitations to the presentation we will simply announce that this is a verbal progress report and we will expect it to be organized so that the material presented will be reflected in the written progress report.

If the above is satisfactory we will appreciate your establishing a date so that invitations can be issued and a conference room obtained reasonably well in advance.

As a portion of the next monthly letter report you submit on this task it would be appreciated if you would send along two copies of the bibliography you have compiled. I presume that this is organized so that it can simply be reproduced and sent in with the letter report.

As a final comment we are at some loss to make any arrangements for you to discuss problems pertaining to stability and control for two reasons.

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First, we are not precisely clear regarding what questions you want to ask and are thus not sure to whom they should be addressed. Could you please write a short letter containing the specific type of information that you feel is necessary to bring your background stability and control information up to date. We may be able to save you a separate trip by obtaining the answers for you from the Airship Design Branch in the Bureau of Aeronautics.

Your comments on the above will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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